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IN A NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**



As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING TEXT AND CHARACTER DATA
described and claimed in the specification as filed on September 28, 2000 as U.S. Serial N° 09/675,441, via United States Postal Service Express Mail Label N° EL 688 378 989 US.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37, C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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APPLICATIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120**

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States applications that are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in those prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, U.S.C. §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material as defined 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the filing date of this application.

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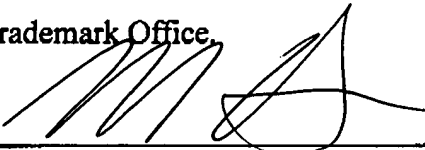
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The Attorney of Record herein is hereby authorized to insert the Serial Number and filing date when received from the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 crf 1.9(f) & 1.27(b)) – INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**Docket Number (Optional)
CLOA 99-1-1R1Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Michael C. BattilanaApplication or Patent No.: 09/675,441Filed or Issued: September 28, 2000Title: Method and Apparatus for Processing Text and Character Data

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- ☒ the application identified above.
- ☐ the patent identified above.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license, any rights in the invention to any person who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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- ☒ No such persons, concerns, or organizations exist.
- ☐ Persons, concerns, or organizations are listed below:

Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern, or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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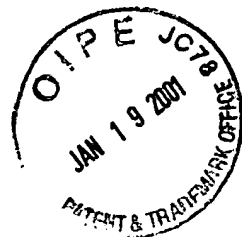
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(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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Application or Patent No.: 09/675,441

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I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☒ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

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I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small Business Administration, Size Standards Staff, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☐ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
☒ the application identified above.
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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